

Town Hall Meeting Summary
February 18, 2010
Northwest Career and Technical Academy

Attendance

Mayor Oscar B. Goodman
Councilman Ross
Commissioner Collins
Betsy Fretwell
Department Directors

Summary of Event

There were approximately 30 participants in attendance. Following the presentation by the City Manager, written questions were moderated and are indicated below.

Audience questions included the following:

1. Have we considered outsourcing?
2. A comment was made about supporting the arts/sports and its relationship to public safety. Culture and recreation is important to the community.
3. An audience participant complimented the Mayor and Council and the work conducted by METRO.
4. An audience participant complimented the Adaptive Recreation program and the services they provide her family, indicating that it would be a bad service to reduce.
5. What happens four years after the City builds the new City Hall?

The following were questions/suggestions/comments that were provided and will be included in the public record.

Questions regarding CLV Budget

6. What leadership role is the council taking in cutting costs? Has the city gotten rid of any of their pet projects?
7. Have the expenses of the city exceeded revenues?
8. How did our state and county miss out on the stimulus dollars, who is at fault and how can it be rectified? We need to form a committee to ride hard on the problems and keep those entities that are dragging their feet accountable.

Miscellaneous

9. What is your position on the collective bargaining?
10. Does the fire dept. have drivers for battalion chiefs that are captain level pay?
11. Can the chief explain the need for dual role, cross-trained firefighter paramedics?
12. Don't cut out public safety.
13. Maintain support for art education and cultural venues with support from art agencies and city level.
14. I hope the great cultural programs the city has will not be impacted too much by the budget crisis.
15. I'm a parent with a child in the Adaptive Rec. Program at Lorenzi. This program is incredible,
 - a. Important to families with children w/special needs. Our options for other these kids are severely limited. Is there a chance this program will be cut?
16. These pink slips represent the layoffs that may happen if the city purchases the million dollar software for the comatose planning dept. How can we justify to purchase this year or next?